# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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SAND MINING ALONG CHAMBAL RIVER
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether illegal sand extraction is taking place along the Chambal river;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any damage has been done to crocodiles by illegal extraction;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial action proposed/taken in this regard so far?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) As per available reports, illegal sand extraction is taking place in some areas along the Chambal river. Such mining is relatively higher at location near to the road/bridges over the Chambal river in order to facilitate easy collection and transportation. Some areas where sand mining has been reported are Dholpur, Bundi and Karauli districts of Rajasthan, and Murena district of Madhya Pradesh.

(c)&(d) Illegal extraction of sand along the river has not caused any direct adverse impact on the crocodiles but has some impact on their nesting behaviour.

(e) The state governments have been making all efforts to stop illegal sand mining within the sanctuary. Joint Action by the District Administration, Police and Forest personnel has been taken to control the illegal sand mining. In Madhya Pradesh ex-army personnel have also been deployed along with the staff to control this activity.